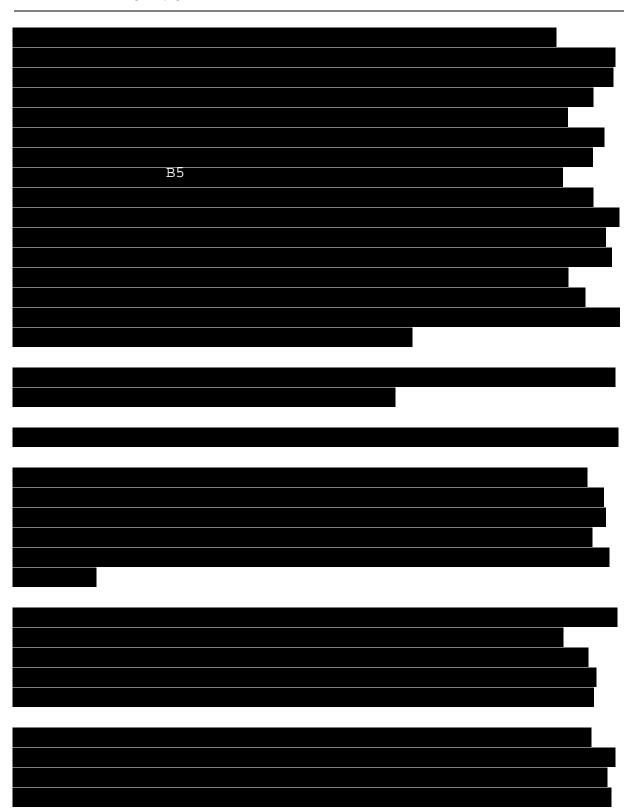
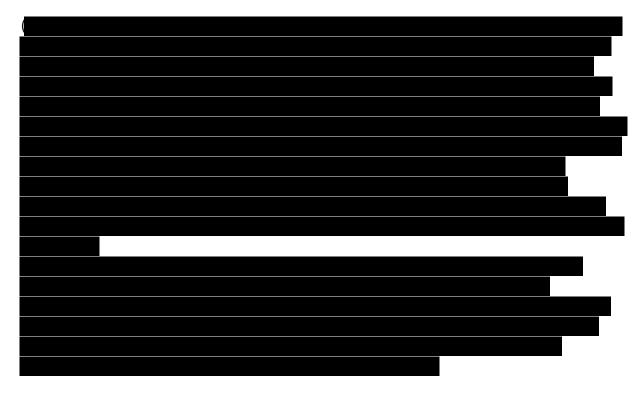
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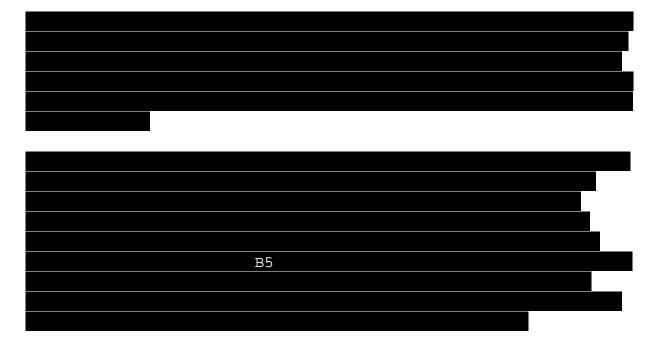
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I will start to arrange the meeting as soon as we determine which division director will participate.

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From: McGrath, Patty [mailto:pmcgrath@srk.com] Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2013 8:55 PM

**To:** Geselbracht, Jeanne

Subject: Resolution Copper meeting

Hi Jeanne-

Per our discussion today, folks from Resolution Copper Mining (RCM) would like to meet with EPA to provide an update on the Resolution Copper project (near Superior, AZ) and the Plan of Operation recently submitted to the US Forest Service (Tonto National Forest). The Forest Service will be reviewing the Plan for completeness before kicking off the NEPA process.

The purpose of the meeting is as follows:

- EPA and RCM to meet in person and establish points of contact
- RCM will describe the Project so that EPA learns about it from RCM's perspective including description of the Plan of Operations, summary of baseline data collection, facts about the land exchange
- RCM would like to hear from EPA about any initial concerns. We do not expect that EPA
  will have reviewed the Plan (though it is publically available), but any advice or lessons
  learned from other projects is helpful.
- RCM would like to discuss EPA's desires and expectations for follow-up communications and/or regular updates (with acknowledgement that the project will eventually enter the NEPA process and the more formal communication that occurs then).

There has already been media attention surrounding RCM's submittal of the Plan and we believe that informing EPA is timely and appropriate since you are likely to be getting inquiries and may well have many of your own questions at this point.

RCM is a strong proponent of building trust with all the agencies, sharing information, and providing regular communication. We have regular meetings with the US Forest Service and expect that there will be joint agency meetings in the future. At this point we are seeking a meeting with EPA since early involvement is important to RCM and also consistent with EPA's Hardrock Mining Framework. In my capacity as NEPA advisor to RCM, Vicky Peacey has asked me to reach out to you to set this meeting up.

Following are the folks that would attend the meeting for RCM:

Vicky Peacey, Senior Manager, Environmental & External Affairs, RCM Andrew Taplin, Project Director, RCM Ian Edgar, Studies Manager, RCM Casey McKeon, Environmental Manager, RCM Bob Hickmott, The Smith-Free Group, consultant to RCM Patty McGrath, SRK Consulting, consultant to RCM

Since this will be an important and potentially controversial project, the RCM Project Director and senior managers want to introduce themselves and participate in the meeting. We are, therefore, requesting participation from Region 9 managers at an equivalent level (Branch Chiefs and Division Directors) as well as NEPA, 404, and mining staff for this first meeting. I expect subsequent technical meetings would involve focused staff.

As we discussed we would like to meet for 2 hours on either December 17 or 18, although we could probably make other dates during that week. Once we get a date set, I will work with you on an agenda. We would like to bring a powerporint presentation to show pictures and maps.

I appreciate your help in setting up this meeting. Please give me a call if you have questions.

Thanks -Patty

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